

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicants cancel claims 1-15 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 16 and 17 remain pending.

In the last Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 6 for containing an informality, rejected claims 1-9 and 11-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,047,027 ("*Miyagosi*"), rejected claims 10 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over *Miyagosi* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,818,547 ("*Ozaki*"), and allowed claims 16 and 17.

CLAIMS 1-15

Applicants have canceled claims 1-15, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1-15 is moot.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims 1-15 at a later time, for example, in a continuation or other application.

CLAIMS 16 AND 17

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 16 and 17.

CONCLUSION

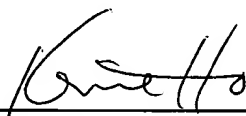
In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the timely allowance of this application.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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